

## **MOCK TRIAL SET-UP FOR B.B. WOLF V. CURLY PIG**

### **THE SETUP**

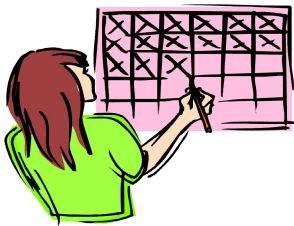


Decide how many students you wish to participate in the trial. All of the roles can be shared by more than one person so each student has an opportunity to actively participate in the mock trial. (Example: two judges, two defense attorneys, two plaintiff attorneys, or two court security officers.)

The main players are Plaintiff B.B. Wolf, plaintiff's attorney, Defendant Curly Pig, defense attorney, court security officer, courtroom deputy clerk, the witnesses and the judge. (Note: The judge can either be a student, teacher, or if available, one of our own judges with the student.) The size of the jury can vary. For a federal civil trial, it usually consists of one six-person jury, but there are enough seats in the jury box for 14 students, which includes the jury foreperson. Other students not playing a part can act as observers in the spectator's section.

Before the trial, print out the script and typical courtroom layout so the students can spend some time getting familiar with his/her role, script, and seating positions. The entire trial is scripted, with instructions of when the student should stand or walk forward to be sworn in as a witness.

### **THE DAY OF THE TRIAL**



Assemble the classroom (or courtroom) according to the courtroom setup display. Have the plaintiff, plaintiff's attorney, defendant, and defense attorney at their respective tables. Witnesses are seated in the audience or spectator's section. The court security officer is seated up by the bench, or next to the witness stand, and one can stand in the back of the courtroom to

keep a watchful eye on the courtroom. The courtroom deputy clerk sits in the bench in front of the judge, and have the jurors and jury foreperson seated in the jury box(es). Although there is no active role in the script for the law clerk or United States Marshals, you can elect to have them seated in their perspective positions. The script begins with the Court Security Officer opening court as the judge then enters the courtroom. \_

### **JURY DELIBERATION**



During deliberation, jurors should take a couple of minutes to openly discuss the facts, the witnesses' testimony, and the arguments on both sides. This is a chance to decide if you believe B.B. Wolf or Curly Pig. Once all the jurors have agreed on the decision, knock on the door to inform the court that the jury has reached a verdict. All jurors will then walk back in the courtroom with the signed jury verdict.